UTAH OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



OPPORTUNITIES and POSSIBILITIES LIST

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One interest of the Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is to help Utah organizations to access funding and other resources for the benefit of Utahns. Please let us know whether this type of annotated list of opportunities is of value to you. Reply uofbci@utah.gov.

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Information is gathered from a number of sources, and organized here to aid in research and in accessing opportunities and funding. UOFBCI does not, in any manner express or implied, verify or guarantee the information nor the possibility of gaining any awards or funding, nor is any program or competition hereby endorsed, referred or sponsored. This list is certainly not inclusive; grant seekers are urged to consult many sources. This list and its elements may or may not be of value to your particular organization. Information is summarized. Please contact grantors and offerers directly for complete information. Always verify and evaluate for yourself.

Notice: You may register to continue receiving this newsletter, for free, and at the same time will be able to tell us what issues you hope we will address (and what kind of grants you would like to see listed) by simply checking a box or writing a line. Go to (or just click for the link): http://community.utah.gov/housing_and_community_development/UOFBCI/index.html

A. TIPS

NOW IS THE TIME to prepare for the spring offerings of federal grants. The trend has been toward shorter deadlines, and you will be at an advantage if you are already prepared in certain ways before the grant is even announced. Right now, get things like these together if you can, started if you can't finish yet:

 You, your organization and your computer all set up for on-line application, with a current and usable DUNS number, CCR (must be renewed YEARLY), AOR designated and registered (for step by step help, see http://grants.gov/assets/Organization Steps Complete Registration.pdf) See the News item below about Adobe Reader 8.1.1.

- Your grant-writing team set up (who is lead, who will help?)
- Short bios of key personnel in your organization
- Updated business or strategic plan, agreement on what your organization will focus on
- Copy of past 2-year budget summary (audited)
- Current year budget
- List of partners for your projects, copies of MOU's
- First drafts of possible letters of support
- Paragraphs describing the community problem(s) you would like to solve, and why they need attention
- Lists of your assets—what strengths does your organization have? Include people, skills, partnerships, connections, history of success, etc.
- Elevator speech: Make it clear and concise. What does your organization do, and why is it terrific?

Housing agencies, and nonprofits helping customers with housing: Thinking of applying for a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant in the NOFA this spring? Keep this website, as it will have some bearing—http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/review/historic.cfm It is a good site to know about, because it is well put together, and answers important questions about historic preservation and how that might affect your project.

KIDS COUNT: The Annie E. Casey Foundation has made their Kids Count data base more powerful and easier to use. It has long been the premier tool for finding the data you need for grant applications involving children. Now, it features child well-being measures for the 50 largest U.S. cities. It this also contains more than 100 indicators, including the most recent data available on education, employment and income, poverty, health, and youth risk factors for the United States as a whole, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/

B. NEWS

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) reminds providers and vets that the law now allows certain **seriously injured veterans and service members** to receive multiple grants for constructing or modifying homes. Before the change, eligible veterans and service members could receive special adaptive housing grants of \$10,000 or \$50,000 from VA only once. Now they may use the benefit up to three times, so long as the total grants stay within specified limits outlined in the law.

Legal Resources - Eric Mittelstadt from Utah Legal Services says that a new office has been opened in **St. George**. They can provide help for all victims of domestic violence for protective orders, child custody and evictions. They can also help people with disability, senior citizens and people who make up to 125% of federal poverty levels. Anyone can also come to Tuesday Night Bar and get a free consultation. The number for the new office is 435-628-1604.

Grants.gov Update:

1. Getting ready to make those applications when grants are announced: To access applications on Grants.gov that are in Adobe Reader, it is now required to download Adobe Reader version 8.1.1, which is available to download for free on the Grants.gov website: http://www.grants.gov/help/download_software.jsp For more information/help, go to http://www.grants.gov/help/help.jsp

This is important, because if you continue to use old versions of Adobe Reader, there can be a corruption issue for the application packages.

C. FUNDING & RESEARCH SUPPORT

HUMANITIES:

NEH invites proposals for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in all areas of the humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve: research that brings new digital approaches to the study of the humanities or that examines the implications of the use of emerging technologies for humanities scholarship; new digital modes of publication facilitating the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels; exploration of digital methods or approaches to preserve, archive, and make accessible traditional (i.e., analogue) and "new media" resources in the humanities; planning new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible humanities data; programs addressing the innovative use of emerging digital technologies in formal and informal educational settings, including public forums such as museums, libraries, historic sites, and broadcast media, and K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions.

Eligibility: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; State and local governmental agencies and Native American tribal organizations; U.S. citizens or foreign nationals who have been living in the U.S. or its jurisdictions for at least the three years immediately prior to the application deadline.

Award Amount: Up to \$30,000 in outright funds. The grant period may extend to eighteen months.

Due Date: April 2, 2008

Contact: Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants, c/o Digital Humanities Initiative-OIRM, National Endowment for the Humanities, RM 203, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20506, Fax: (202) 606-8216.

E-mail: DHI@neh.gov .

Web: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html

HUMANITIES - DANCE:

The <u>Capezio Ballet Makers Dance Foundation</u> offers grants to fund dance and certain other national, state, and local organizations that provide essential services to the field. The foundation considers requests for program, project, and general operating support only.

Awards: Most grants are \$500 to \$1,000 each.

Due Date: April 1, 2008

Contact: http://www.capeziodance.net/about/foundation/grant/history_objectives.html

HUMANITIES—ART

See the Utah Arts Council funding page: http://arts.utah.gov/funding/index.html

YOUTH and HUMANITIES—FILM:

<u>USA Today</u>, the <u>United Nations</u>, the <u>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</u>, and other organizations and media leaders have joined forces to engage young adults (14-24) in contributing to the public dialogue on pressing social issues. Youth are invited to produce and upload 2-minute films on a variety of issues. Awards are more than money—recognition, internships, scholarships and more. This is an exciting project to look into.

Due Date: April 14, 2008

Contact: http://www.filmyourissue.com/index.shtml

YOUTH and EDUCATION:

Qwest Foundation will consider programs that:

- Effectively use technology to improve preK-12 public school instruction
- Promote innovative models to strengthen preK-12 public school education
- Improve the skills and leadership of educators and parents
- Promote innovative early childhood education programs

Apply any time; there are rolling due dates.

http://www.gwest.com/about/company/community/files/2007 Grant App Guidelines.doc



YOUTH:

The <u>Entertainment Software Association Foundation</u> is offering grants to support "positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the quality of life, health, and welfare of youth". **Eligibility:** Organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code; seek funding for

a specific project or program that is or will be in two or more states and serves youth between the ages of 7 and 18; and provide youth programs in one or more of the following areas: skills & personal development; general health & welfare; risk behavior prevention; education; and multimedia arts/technology. Projects should embrace diversity. General operating costs are not funded.

Due Date: April 15, 2008

Contact: ESA at http://www.theesa.com/foundation/grant.php

HEALTH and YOUTH:

The Aetna Foundation is offering grants in two areas, the Healthy Community Grants Program, and the Healthy Community Outreach Program. Awards through the Healthy Community Grants Program will go to community-based projects addressing depression, diabetes, and the nursing shortage. Awards through the Healthy Community Outreach Program will focus on health walks, health fairs and educational outreach. Contact a local Aetna representative for information and support on other grant programs.

Award Amount: \$25,000 to \$50,000. Last year, some \$3,000,000 was awarded.

Eligibility: Only for programs serving eligible geographic areas are eligible to apply; Salt Lake City is a designated city. Applicants must have IRS 501(c)(3) status or de facto tax-exempt status.

Due Date: May 15, 2008

Contact: Applications are online only. See the website for complete guidelines,

requirements and application:

http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_reg/

NUTRITION and HEALTH (Salt Lake area):

The <u>Dannon Company</u> is offering a grant to an organization that needs funding for a current nutrition education program for children up to the age of 18, or that will be able to launch such an initiative in late 2008. Programs should be creative in their approach, involve community partners, include professional nutrition staff or consultants, and be designed to impact children's eating habits today for a healthier tomorrow.

Award: \$30,000

Eligibility: Tax-exempt under IRS 501(c)(3), with a program nurturing healthy eating habits among children in Salt Lake County.

Due Date: March 31, 2008

Contact: http://www.dannon.com/dannoncares.aspx

Application form: http://www.dannon.com/pdf/2008GrantForm.pdf

YOUTH and NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS:



Qualified faith-based and other organizations are encouraged to apply for the *Native Language Preservation and Maintenance* grant. The four priority areas in this announcement are: Native language assessment, Native language project planning, Native language project implementation, and Native language immersion project.

Due Date: March 12, 2008

Contact: For more information regarding specific priority areas and funding please view the full announcement at

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ANA-NL-0016.html

EDUCATION — CLASSROOM MEASUREMENT:

The William T. Grant Foundation and the Spencer Foundation will jointly award grants for research on the development and improvement of measurement indicators of K-12 classroom quality. Their goals are: development or improvement of the reliability and/or validity of one or more measures of classroom indicators linked to quality; relatively low cost and scalable measures; and tools that are both ultimately useful for improving practice and useful to practitioners.

Awards: \$50,000 to \$500,000, 1 to 3 years

Due Date: Letters of Inquiry, March 14, 2008; Invited Applications, June 13, 2008

Contact:

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/usr doc/2008 Classroom Measurement RFP.doc

TEACHERS—SCHOLARSHIPS:

Horace Mann Insurance Companies is offering scholarships for full-time teachers to continue their education. Winners will be determined by the quality of a 300-word essay and involvement in school and community activities.

Eligibility: At least two years teaching experience

Award Amount: \$500 to \$5000

Due Date: February 29, 2008 (simple application)
Contact: https://www.horacemann.com/edscholarship/

EDUCATION—COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute offers scholarships, Congressional and Business Internships and fellowships. The website comes up slowly, but is worth the wait.

Due Dates: Various

Contact: http://www.chci.org/

EDUCATION — **FAMILY LITERACY** and **ESL**:

Grants to direct family literacy service providers. Please note that the Dollar General Literacy Foundation uses the federal government's definition of family literacy when reviewing grant applications. Family literacy programs applying for funding <u>must</u> have the following four components:



- a. Adult basic education,
- b. GED preparation,
- c. and/or English for speakers of other languages
- 2. Children's education;
- 3. Parent and child together time (PACT); and,
- 4. Parenting classes that teach parents to be the primary teacher for their child.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations with a minimum of two years experience providing adult education. There are other eligibility requirements including proximity to a Dollar General store (see store locator section of the Dollar General Web site:

www.dollargeneral.com).

Due Date: March 4, 2008

Contact: http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx

ADULT LITERACY AND ESL:

Grants totaling at least \$1.5 million will be given to nonprofits working to improve adult literacy, GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations with a minimum of two years experience providing adult education. There are other eligibility requirements including proximity to a Dollar General store (see store locator section of the Dollar General Web site: www.dollargeneral.com).

Due Date: March 4, 2008

Contact: http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx

HEALTH AND EDUCATION:

Nursing Education and Research

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be given to researchers and nursing education scholars who are or who are led by an NLN member and whose projects relate to innovations and reform in nursing education.

Deadline: March 7, 2008 to Victoria Kaminsky (Vkaminsky@nln.org).

Contact: http://www.nln.org/research/2008grant/index.htm



NURSING SCHOOL FACULTY

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced a new scholars program to develop the next generation of nurse leaders in academia and boost the stature of junior faculty in nursing schools. **Eligibility:** Junior faculty members with at least two but no more than five years of experience in a faculty role. Candidates who completed their doctoral degree within the last ten years are encouraged to apply.

Award: In this round, up to 15 awards of \$350,000 each

Due Date: April 1, 2008 (Applicant registration) **Contact:** http://www.rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org/



HEALTH — HIV/AIDS:

Grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded to AIDS Service Organizations and local cable systems for joint efforts to produce and distribute locally-focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements.

Due Date: March 15, 2008

Contact: Application must be sponsored by a cable company on the Cable Positive

website list:

http://www.cablepositive.org/programs-tonycox.html

DRUG FREE PROGRAMS:

Faith-based and other organizations that are part of a community-based coalition may apply for a grant through the *Drug Free Communities Support Program* to work within their "target" communities to identify and address local substance abuse problems. The funder is the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Award Amount: A total of \$19 million will be awarded for 150 grants. Individual

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Due Date: March 21, 2008.

Contact: Complete details are in the solicitation for applications at

http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sp 08 002.aspx .

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT and WOMEN WITH CHILDREN

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Services Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women*. The grant will support projects that expand the availability of comprehensive, high quality residential treatment, recovery support, and family services for pregnant and postpartum women (postpartum refers to the period after childbirth up to 12 months) who suffer from alcohol and other drug problems, and their minor children impacted by perinatal and environmental effects of maternal substance use and abuse.

Award Amounts: A total of \$7.87 million will be awarded for sixteen grants. Project periods may be up to three years.

Due Date: March 18, 2008

Contact: The program announcement is at http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/ti-08-009.aspx.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND HIV/AIDS SERVICES:

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may also apply for the Targeted Capacity Expansion Program for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS

Services. These grants will support projects to enhance and expand substance abuse treatment and/or outreach and pretreatment services in conjunction with HIV/AIDS services in African American, Latino/Hispanic, and/or other racial and ethnic communities highly affected by the twin epidemics of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Award Amount: A total of \$19.8 million will be awarded for up to fifty grants. Individual award amounts are up to \$450,000 for treatment services and up to \$350,000 for outreach and pre-treatment services. Projects periods are expected to be up to five years.

Due Date: March 27, 2008.

Contact: Further details can be found in the program announcement at

http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/ti 08 006.aspx .

AGING and MENTAL HEALTH

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Older Adults Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) Grant Program. The grants will support projects that help communities provide direct services and build the necessary infrastructure to support expanded services for meeting the diverse mental health needs of older persons.



Award Amount: A total of \$4,154,000 will be awarded for ten grants. Individual

award amounts are estimated to be up to \$41

Due Date: March 28, 2008

Contact: CFDA) No.: 93.243. Complete details are in the program announcement at

http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sm 08 008.aspx .

VICTIMS OF CRIME:

Qualified faith-based and other eligible organizations are encouraged to apply for the *National Field-Generated Training Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects* grant to develop or enhance training, technical assistance, and promising practices, models, and programs that build the capacity of victim service and other ancillary providers. Projects should focus on one of the following focus areas: elder abuse, sexual assault, victim restitution, child abuse, youth victimization, capacity building for victim service providers/organizations, victim services in corrections settings, domestic violence, stalking, the implications of DNA evidence for victims, and training and technical assistance on crime victims' rights (not direct compliance or enforcement efforts).

Award Amount: Ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000, depending on the nature, scope, and complexity of the project over a 12-36 month period.

Due Date: May 29, 2008

Contact:

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY08 fieldtraining.pdf.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Wells Fargo Housing Foundation

The primary focus of the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation is to increase low-income homeownership through the development of affordable housing, and to provide shelter and supportive services for homeless and disabled adult populations.

Eligibility: Established nonprofit housing organizations (organizations with at least two complete audit cycles) meeting these needs in communities where Wells Fargo

provides products and services may apply. To be eligible, an organization must be taxexempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3).

Award Amount: Average grant is \$7,000 Due Date: May 1, 2008; August 1, 2008

Contact: Kimberly Jackson, Executive Director,

Wells Fargo Housing Foundation, MAC N9305-192, 90

South

7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55479, (612) 667-2146. Web: http://www.wellsfargo.com/about/wfhf/guidelines.jhtml



AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Home Depot Foundation – Affordable Housing Built Responsibly

Support is given to programs and projects that align with the foundation's mission and grant criteria. Preference is given to proposals that include community engagement; that result in the production, preservation, or financing of housing units for low- to moderate-income families; and that address as many of the following considerations as possible: resource efficiency in design, construction, and operations; minimization of the depletion of natural resources, including timber and water; inclusion of landscaping features such as trees and shrubs that minimize demand for water and synthetic chemicals and reduce heat island effect; utilization of innovative and durable materials to reduce cost; the use of more environmentally friendly building materials; site planning with minimal environmental impact; energy-efficiency and renewable energy use; indoor air quality improvement, including moisture control and proper ventilation; smart site planning and land use.

Eligibility: The Home Depot Foundation will only fund nonprofit organizations that are designated as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code in the United States or that have a notification of registration and confirmation of registration from the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency Charities Division in Canada.

Due Dates: March 1, 2008 and July 1, 2008

Contact: The Home Depot Foundation, 2455 Paces

Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30339, Tel: (770) 384-3889 or (866) 593-7019 (toll free). Fax: (770) 384-3908 or (866) 593-7027.

E-mail: hd foundation@homedepot.com

Web: http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support housing apply.html

ANIMAL SHELTERS:



Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant

Every year the American Humane Association provides support for local animal shelter expansion or improvements through the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant. Funded organizations should have or plan to have a structure within which animals are sheltered; work with an animal population primarily comprising physical improvements, or equipment that directly impacts the welfare of animals in the shelter.

Eligibility: Applying organizations and agencies must be current members of the

American Humane Association. **Due Date: February 29, 2008**

Contact:

http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa_shelter_services_grants_meacham

FINANCIAL LITERACY:

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program
Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable
individuals and families with low incomes to become
economically self-sufficient for the long term.

Award Amount: Average projected award amount:

\$350,000 per project period. **Due Date: March 25, 2008**

Contact: James Gatz, Manager, Assets for Independence Program, Office of Community Services, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade SW, Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20008, (202) 401-4626.

E-mail: afiprogram@acf.hhs.gov

Web: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html



STUDENTS - HUNGER:

Sodexho Foundation will award \$3000 scholarships, plus a \$3000 award to the student's charity, in recognition of students who are doing great things to fight hunger and poverty in the United States.

Students will be selected from among applicants with the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled in an accredited education institution (kindergarten through college) in the United States.
- Must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States at least within the last 12 months.
- Volunteer services must be helping non-family members.
- Multiple applications of the same student will not be accepted; if more than one application for an individual is received, the first application received will be the application accepted and reviewed.

Contact: http://www.helpstophunger.org/scholarships/

YOUTH and the ENVIRONMENT:

Action For Nature, a nonprofit organization that encourages young people around the world to carry out individual environmental action projects, presents the International Young Eco-Hero Awards to recognize the individual accomplishments of young people (ages 8-16) whose personal actions have significantly improved the environment. Action For Nature will award cash prizes of up to \$500 each to young Eco-Heroes for their outstanding accomplishments in



environmental advocacy, environmental health, research, or protection of the natural world.





The applications will be judged according to several criteria, including but not limited to originality, difficulty, organization, length of time devoted to the project, influencing/educating others, use of outside resources (e.g., library, experts, media, community leaders), degree of success in reaching goals, and the impact on the environment.

Award Amount: Up to \$500. Due Date: February 28, 2008

Contact: http://www.actionfornature.org/

E. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and for customers

March 3-5, 2008: Department of Justice Weed and Seed Training and Technical

Assistance Conferences, Portland, OR

Contact: <u>robert.siedlecki@usdoj.gov</u>< <u>mailto:robert.siedlecki@usdoj.gov</u>>, (202) 514-2987

March 12, 2008: Veterans Affairs Chaplains Training, Chillicothe, OH

Coordinator: Chaplain Walter Diekroger, "Spiritual Needs of Returning Veterans" Target audience is local clergy.

Contact: Jeni.Cook@va.gov <mailto:Jeni.Cook@va.gov>..

March 19-20, 2008: DOJ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Navigating the Future: Accessing and Sustaining Resources for Community and Faith-Based Organizations, Philadelphia, PA

Participants will learn, among other things: how to apply for government funding; how to attract private funding; how to manage financial growth; and how to manage and plan for organizational growth.

Contact: To register for the conference and for more information, please go to: www.sei2003.com/ojjdp http://www.usdoj.gov/cgi-

<u>bin/outside.cgi?http://www.sei2003.com/ojjdp</u> or contact Donni LeBoeuf, Special Assistant to the Administrator, OJJDP, at (202) 307-5911 or <u>donni.leboeuf@usdoj.gov</u> < <u>mailto:donni.leboeuf@usdoj.gov</u> > .

MARK THE DATE: 2008 Conference on Service, April 29 and 30, Provo.

F. SPECIAL RESOURCES

Perminder: You will be able to register to continue receiving this newsletter, for free, and at the same time will be able to tell us what issues you hope we will address (and what kind of grants you would like to see listed) by simply checking a box or writing a line. Go to (or just click for the link):

http://community.utah.gov/housing_and_community_development/UOFBCI/index.html

